

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

In the Abstract, please amend as reflected in the following marked-up version of the Abstract:

In accordance with the present invention there is provided a suture trimmer, the suture trimmer ~~comprising~~including a shaft having a proximal end and a distal end and an axis therebetween, the shaft having a groove formed in the side thereof, the groove in communication with an opening formed in the side of the shaft, the opening disposed proximal the distal end. The suture trimmer further including a cutting member slidably disposed within the shaft, and a suture retainer slidably disposed within the shaft. Wherein the suture trimmer in accordance with the present invention may be additionally utilized to position knots formed within a suture loop prior to trimming the free end(s) of the suture loop.